

Minutes for May 25, 2010 Board of Trustees Workshop Meeting

Meeting began at 7:30 pm. Mayor Gallagher and Trustees Campbell, Falloon, Hustis and Serradas were present. Special Board Chair Mike Armstrong, Special Board Member Catharine Square and prospective Special Board appointee Lynn Miller were present. Members of the public included Michael Gibbons, Thomas Ambrose and Gordon Robertson.

1. The Board discussed the appointment of Lynn Miller to the Special Board for the Comprehensive Plan/ LWRP. Lynn Miller participated in the discussion, answering questions, and Comprehensive Board Member Mike Armstrong stated that the Special Board had voted in favor of the appointment. Trustee Serradas questioned why the Special Board vote for her appointment included three abstentions. The Village Board voted to appoint Lynn Miller as a Member of the Special Board for the Comprehensive Plan and LWRP. Trustee Campbell moved to make the appointment, which was seconded by Trustee Falloon and the motion was approved. The vote was Mayor Gallagher, and Trustees Campbell, Falloon and Hustis in favor of the motion, and Trustee Serradas opposed to the motion.

Mike Armstrong explained the Comprehensive Board had endorsed Marie for the position of Secretary of the Comprehensive Board. Trustee Falloon moved to approve the appointment of Marie Early as secretary of the Special Board, which was seconded by Trustee Serradas. The vote was unanimous in favor the appointment.

2. A Community Day update was given by Bruce Campbell. He mentioned that he, the Mayor and possibly Trustee Falloon would be meeting with the fireworks company to verify the location of the launching area for the fireworks. Lynn Miller stated that the Chamber of Commerce was having 50/50 tickets printed to raise money for Community Day. Trustee Falloon stated he was working on the emergency plan for the event. The next Trustee workshop for planning Community Day was moved to Thursday, June 3rd, at 6:00 pm.

3. The board discussed the use of roughly \$9000 in surplus energy grant funds to replace inefficient lighting at the Water Plant and the Highway garage. Electrical Contractor Andrew Pidala had previously given the Board a quote for much of this work. Mike Gibbons asked the Board to make a presentation on LED lighting that his company could provide for such a use, and with the approval of the Board he made his presentation. He was encouraged by the Mayor and Board to review the locations in question and submit a price quote, either in conjunction with Pidala Electric or without them, for that work. The Mayor stated that Mr. Gibbons could call him to set up a tour of the locations as soon as the following day.

4. The Board reviewed the status of NY State Labor Department compliance issues, and the Mayor read the update on workplace violence training provided by the Village Clerk.

5. The Mayor emphasized the need of Village officials who had signed up to participate in the State's retirement system to submit a record of their hours worked over a two month period, as soon as possible.

6. Correspondence: After reading the letter from Putnam County Executive Robert Bondi requesting support from the Village Board of Trustees of his appointment of Andy Chmar to the Greenway Community Council, the Board approved the appointment of Andrew Chmar to the position of Member of the Greenway Community Council. The motion to approve the appointment was made by Trustee Serradas and seconded by Trustee Campbell, and was passed by a unanimous vote.

The following correspondence was noted and briefly discussed:

- a. NYS Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation regarding grants for municipal park, historic preservation, acquisition and heritage area projects.
- b. Hudson Valley Main Street Summit
- c. NYSDEC report on upper and lower reservoir dams

7. The Board reviewed the proposed parking waiver law, amended to apply to only zones B1 and B2. After discussion, the Board agreed that a date for a public hearing on the revised parking waiver law would be set at the monthly meeting.

8. After discussion, Trustee Serradas moved to amend the draft Ethics Code law Section 9.3 A. 6. to read: *A person from whom the officer of employee has received election campaign contributions of more than \$250 in the aggregate in the last 24 months.* The motion was seconded by Trustee Hustis, and was approved unanimously by the Board. The Board agreed that a date for a public hearing on the revised **ethics law** would be set at the monthly meeting.

9. The Board discussed revisions to the Village Board's meeting procedure. Trustee Serradas conveyed his concerns of not having enough time to review materials given to the Board before meetings, as well as not having the agenda early enough before the meeting and having the agenda change from the time that it is distributed to the time the meeting begins. The Mayor stated that he did not intend to send information out on short notice but he forwarded items on when he got them. Concerning the problem with sending out the agenda early he stated that the earlier it is sent out the more it will change by meeting time. The Mayor also stated that items will come up on the Monday and Tuesday before the workshop meeting that are important for the Board to discuss, and should not be postponed until the next week.

Trustee Serradas moved to have the Rules of Meeting Procedure, Section B. Agenda, second bullet point amended to read: When possible, items for the agenda, and related materials, should be given to the Clerk the Friday before the meeting. The motion was seconded by Trustee Hustis and unanimously approved by the Board.

Trustee Serradas brought up the issue of who should take minutes for the Village Board and objected to the practice having the Mayor take the minutes at Village Board

workshop meetings. Trustee Serradas moved to have the Clerk or assistant to the Clerk take minutes at Village Board workshop meetings. The motion was seconded by Trustee Hustis. Trustee Falloon asked if the Board could ask for the opinion of the Village Clerk on this issue since she is ultimately responsible for the taking of minutes. Trustees Serradas and Hustis agreed to postpone the vote on this action to allow the Board to ask the Clerk her opinion on the matter.

10. Mayor Gallagher expressed concern about an email sent to him the evening of May 24th that was written by Catharine Square as member Special Board for a Comprehensive Plan. The letter invited him to take part in a meeting with Congressman John Hall's staff, and sought support for plans for the Butterfield Hospital site that included moving the Village Hall to that site as well as the post office. The Mayor said that the letter and proposed meeting was not authorized by him or the Village Board and was inappropriate and not helpful, given the current discussions on the post office. Catharine Square said that she thought Gallagher's response to the email was "unprofessional". The Mayor read the letter in question and his response to it.

Letter and Response Inserted
Catharine,

A few weeks ago I told both Vinnie Tamagna and John Hall's office that the current plan for the post office is to keep it at the Food Town Plaza. The Cold Spring ZBA and Planning Board have been working on it with the owner of the Foodtown Plaza for over a year. I have also been working to make that happen and the owner has appeared before the Village as part of the effort to make this a reality. The Butterfield option is a backup plan but should not be considered as the preferred spot, especially without the support of the Village Board. The same is true of most of the options listed below. I was very surprised when the post office issue was raised by Legislator Tamagna in a letter to John Hall's office, dated April 8th, before getting support from the Village as to where the PO is located.

Concerning the meeting you invited me to today, by what authority did you set it up, and who is the we that you speak of in the first sentence of your e-mail? Who tasked you and Catherine Fadde, and apparently Airinhos Serradas, to advocate for plans that should come from the Village Board of Trustees (relocating our Post Office, Village Hall, Court, Police etc.?!)? Your position on the Village of Cold Spring Comprehensive Plan Special Board does not give you the authority to speak on behalf of the Village and attempt to enact your personal plan? I am very concerned about how this effort is being developed without the participation of the local governments. I request that you cancel your meeting tomorrow as you currently do not have the support of the Village, and most likely the Town either.

Sincerely,

Seth Gallagher, Mayor

Seth,

We have a meeting set up on Wednesday, May 26 at 11:00 AM at John Hall's office, 40 Gleneida Ave. County Office Bldg to discuss both the Post Office, Butterfield and other grant funding that would be helpful in this process. We will be meeting with Congressman Hall's Putnam County Regional Director, as Congressman Hall is in Washington at this time. I hope each of you can attend this meeting.

A bit of history. Cathryn Fadde and I were tasked with speaking to pertinent government officials regarding the Cold Spring post office and it's possible relations with the Butterfield site, as well as other state and county officials pertaining to Cold Spring and its future. Also, Airinhos Serradas has been working with us on government consolidation issues, along with Chairman Vinny Tamagna. As you know, it is up to the United States government and the legislature whether or not the Village is to maintain our current post office. This is why we have communicated with John Hall's office regarding this matter. Below is what was communicated to Congressman Hall.

At present we have the opportunity to acquire the Butterfield Hospital property by utilizing several revenue sources. Our vision is to create a multi-purpose facility that consolidates services, promotes efficiency in government and ultimately do more with less.

How this would work:

1. Consolidate all Village of Cold Spring and Philipstown town halls, which will reduce redundancy in by centralizing offices. At present Philipstown is contemplating moving forward with refurbishment of the town hall in excess of \$700,000. This money would be better spent on other necessary services.
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3. Create a new home for the Cold Spring Fire Company and Police Department. Currently both outfits are working in outdated facilities and conditions. Especially, the police facilities, which pose liability risks to officers and detainees. The existing facilities could then be rented out, bringing in additional revenue to the village.
4. Create a senior center, where seniors could walk across street as opposed to traveling a good distance. Also, create a conference/community center for the whole of the Town of Philipstown and county to utilize.
5. The Consolidated Center would be another revenue source for the village, thereby alleviating some of the property tax burden on its citizens. The existing Lahey Pavilion brings in estimated revenue of approximately \$90,000 in rent.
6. Most importantly, create a space for the Post Office, which will bring in additional revenue, at an estimated 2500 square feet at \$17 per foot, which would bring in about \$42,000 (actual numbers not readily available). The estimated revenue would be approximately \$132,000 per year.

Finally, The Commission on Local Government Efficiency and Competitiveness was established in April 2007 to examine ways to strengthen and streamline local government, reduce costs and improve effectiveness, maximize informed participation in local elections, and facilitate shared services, consolidation and regional governance. The Commission came back with several recommendations: http://www.nyslocalgov.org/pdf/Recommendations_in_Brief.pdf The Village of Cold Spring is attempting to do its part.

This is why we're asking for Congressman Hall's assistance and support in helping our community to become a model for New York State given the present condition of our state's financial woes and at some point contact the Postmaster General to meet with the Cold Spring Comprehensive Plan Special Board, Village Board and Chairman of the Putnam County Legislature, Vincent Tamanga on their plans for the Cold Spring post office, as not to be caught off guard with this pressing issue.

Best Regards,
Catharine J. Square
Cold Spring Comprehensive Plan Special Board

The Mayor asked to whom, exactly, the “we” in Square’s letter referred. Michael Armstrong, Chair of the Special Board for a Comprehensive Plan, said that he had never authorized the meeting or the letter and knew nothing about either one until told of them this morning by the Mayor. Trustee Airinhos Serradas said that the “we” referred to “the four people named,” -- himself, Vinny Tamagna, Catharine Square and Cathryn Fadde. Trustee Serradas stated that the meeting with Congressman Hall’s staff was intended as a fact finding meeting only, and was not intended to promote any course of action. The Mayor said that the letter implied otherwise. Trustee Falloon said that he didn’t think the Village had agreed to any plan for the Post Office and should not help the owner of the Foodtown Plaza expand his business without hearing from the Zoning and Planning Boards. Besides staying in the Village he didn’t think the Village Board should be taking a stand on where the Post Office should go. He noted problems with the proposed Foodtown site. The Mayor stated that the Village Board had met with the owner of the Plaza and the Chairs of the Planning and Zoning Boards to discuss the Post Office expansion project and assist them in making the negotiation of the approval process as straightforward as possible. Gordon Robertson said that everyone should be able to agree that while Catharine Square had not followed the proper procedures, her intentions were not malicious. Armstrong said that he could not speak to Catharine’s intentions, but her actions had damaged the trust the Special Board enjoyed with the community. The Mayor noted general support for many of the ideas mentioned in the Square letter, including a Senior Center and a firehouse and that the ideas mentioned in it should continue to be explored by the Village Board, and the Special Board.

**ADDENDUM TO MINUTES OF 5-25-2010 MEETING INSERTED PER VOTE
OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES ON 9-14-2010**

BOARD OF TRUSTEE WORKSHOP

MAY 25, 2010 at 7:30 PM

Village Hall – 85 Main Street

Partial Transcript of Meeting Re: Setting up Meeting with John Hall’s Office

Discussion beginning position on tape (1hr: 42min: 51sec)

AUDIO RECORDING – beginning: 1hr: 42min: 51sec

(Discussion of email sent by Catharine Square to John Hall’s Office setting up meeting):

- **Gallagher:** The other thing...the last thing is the discussion of unauthorized planning regarding post office and village office relocation. I did certainly send that email out, sort of, for you Catharine, you certainly don’t need to speak on anything tonight, but I...
- **Square:** I would like to say something.
- **Gallagher:** It was very...I did speak to Vinny about this beforehand and I find it very distressing that when people sort of start to do planning for Cold Spring without...getting Cold Spring’s input. And in this case we’re referring to the...Initially a letter was sent by legislature Tamagna to... to...Congressman

Hall's office recommending that he basically lobby for moving the post office up to Butterfield. I did talk to him...when I say that I said our plan we're working on right now our priority plan is to have the post office stay at the Foodtown plaza and that the other thing would work as a backup. But it should be considered the priority position that the the Village Board...you know we've met with...with the owner of the Foodtown plaza to try and help him out with this...he did come before us a year ago. It's actually...it's in progress before the planning board and the zoning board also. It's been going on for over year. And so we're... So we're trying to work to get the post office...to...to...to first of all get a space ready...and second get the post office to agree to move there. So to...to start to plan for something instead of that without our input is a real problem. So I was really kind of surprised when I heard about a meeting that was planned for tomorrow for just that in planning even...even more than that...and...which would include moving the village hall...not just the village hall...police department...everything up to the Butterfield without any input at all from the village itself and I would have to think that the town also...and...it's...it was a real shock to see that...and I think it's really important ...to ...to... first of all keep our... That kind of thing...just can't be done. I mean ultimately it's going to be the decision of the village where the village hall is located and that type of thing. And certainly you know we're the priority voice on where the... where our post office is located too. You know...unless there's a change at this board and I haven't heard of any change. It's still our goal to have the post office up there. There's meetings going on with the planning board now...the developer... you know...expects us to address this issue we've shown interest in that. As far as moving the village hall that is certainly something that I would not advocate. And certainly would be something that would require the input of the...certainly the residents and then you know ultimately this board...I also wonder...just like...the town is involved in that too and I wonder if they know what's going on...that there... that this proposal to move the town hall from that site up there...without them being involved. And...just...I think...and I don't know whether this was through...I'm assuming...like the special board didn't have any knowledge but it was signed by you as a special board member and that's just a...it's concern to me and I think Airinhos you knew about this too or part of a group. Is that correct? on it? But I just...I...you know...I I I think that's just...it's really to go out there out there to sort of advocate to move the village hall...to go beyond...to go outside the village board to do that. It's troublesome.

- **Serradas:**Number one, we want the post office to stay in the village. Who decides whether it stays or where ever, it's irrelevant. It's not up to us. It's up to the ZBA, planning and eventually us. My goal is to see it stay in the village. If we have an opportunity... the opportunity to possibly consolidate our services in one location...save money. Why wouldn't we entertain it? It's been proposed many times. I received a call from Chairman Vinny Tamagna earlier this afternoon and he gave my blessing to speak to everybody and offer his opinions. Last fall at a fundraiser at the Garrison Country Club, we met Congressman John Hall. We approached him with the idea, he liked the idea.

Supervisor Shay knows about it. Everyone in Nelsonville is aware of it. Bob Bondi came to speak to us recently. That was not hidden. After Bondi spoke, Vinny Tamagna did the same thing...recently, you might remember, he sat right where Chuck was sitting; he came and mentioned the same thing. There's a short time window. We're not circumventing anything or anyone. If we have an opportunity to possibly...possibly get some federal funding. We'd like to do that. If we have an opportunity...

- **Gallagher:** Who is we?
- **Serradas:** Let me finish.
- **Gallagher:** No! Who is we?
- **Serradas:** Listen to me.
- **Gallagher:** Who is we?
- **Serradas:** Let me finish first and you can ask anything you want to ask.
- **Gallagher:** I just want to know, who is we?
- **Serradas:** I'll answer that afterwards. If we as residents, trustees, etc. have an opportunity to try and find some way to possibly bring some money into the village. Why couldn't we explore those possibilities? Explore. Not do it, explore, there's a difference. We reached out to Congressman Hall. Plain and simple.
- **Gallagher:** Who is we?
- **Serradas:** Seth, you know who's we...
- **Gallagher:** No, I don't because this letter's from Catharine and I'm even more troubled by the we, because you have...excuse me...you have...you are a trustee. You cannot speak for the board. You cannot speak for the village of cold spring.
- **Serradas:** That's just like....
- **Gallagher:** Excuse me!
- **Serradas:** Go ahead.
- **Gallagher:** You can speak for yourself as a trustee and what I see here is something that developed with absolutely no input of this board of which you are a member. The same thing for Vinny Tamagna. He should not be speaking for the village of cold spring in trying to set this stuff up. I explained to him about that. I have never heard about this idea...the idea that we would have our village hall up there. I don't support that.
- **Serradas:** Where were you!
- **Gallagher:** I came... I heard it at a meeting, but not as a serious...not as a proposal by people going out and lobbying our Congressman for it. This....what is here is not just to talk about the idea, but it's actually to do work on on getting the support to make it happen, without any discussion on about whether we want it to happen. How can you ask a Congressman and say we would like money for this this and this to do these things but we haven't talked to the people who can actually...who have the responsibility of deciding whether or not they want that to happen. When Congressman hall's office found out that the village was not even involved in this thing, they they were shocked by that. They were like...what what is going on here? and to have it that this...is it connected with the special board.... Is this a special board project?...to have already decided...I mean we just had a meeting where we were brainstorming...So now it's gone

from the brainstorming session to an actual description of what the whole process is of combining the courts, of moving the police department, of the town hall the village hall. I do not believe the Philipstown town board is in support of this or they even been consulted on this. And that's...and asking on Congressman hall's support to make this happen.

- **Serradas:** It's a short time window of opportunity for funding. If it's possible...that's all we're doing is exploring. If we can't explore, why should we bring anything to the table...
- **Gallagher:** You can't explore on your own! You cannot explore on your own! We can explore as a board.
- **Serradas:** You're saying I can't speak fine. You can't speak for Serros and whatever contracts are being done there.
- **Gallagher:** Serrosas?
- **Serradas:** Guz Serrosas?
- **Campbell:** Serroukas.
- **Gallagher:** I speak for the board. The board has decided on that. We do things openly.
- **Serradas:** The Board?
- **Gallagher:** Yes. The board did. We had him in to speak with the board about that. The board...We did a poll at that meeting and there has been no change on that.
- **Serradas:** Question addressed to Mike Armstrong, Chair Special Board in audience: Was this brought up during the comprehensive plan meeting? Possibilities for Butterfield?
- **Armstrong:** The comprehensive plan has never authorized this. I was shocked myself. We have never authorized this action.
- **Serradas:** Mike! That's not my question. That's not my question.
- **Armstrong:** Was this past Saturday, did you have anything up there for stickers... for...for possibilities...for uses for Butterfiel?
- **Armstrong:** The answer is that we have been engaged the community in a kind of community brainstorming. Of course we're weighing possibilities. We're throwing ideas out to the community while we're engaging the community in that way but we never authorized this action with a discussion in this manner....never ever.
- **Gallagher:** This is not....
- **Square:** Can I...since you're discussing...since talking about the email that I sent out can I say something?
- **Gallagher:** Sure
- **Square:** I sent out an email last night at 10:52. Today I cancelled it at 12:20. I by no means was planning anything. I set up a meeting with that office, John Hall's office with Vinny Tamagna and I emailed you. And my problem with this is that the email you responded back to me was divisive, it was inflammatory and embarrassing to me. If there was an issue or you didn't want that meeting to go forward, you could have responded to me and the four other people in that email and said I do not appreciate this... this is not where we're going. I was not planning anything. I only went to set up this meeting for a fact-finding

opportunity...for a...to collect data. To collect other information. And if...if there was a problem, it would have professional of you to say, Catharine, this isn't where I was going. I had no clue, no idea about the goals or plans the village had for that...for the post office. And I I...If I stepped in the wrong pot or went down the wrong road. I apologize for it.

- That was never my intent. My only intent was to gather information, that was presented to the public in four five public hearings that we've had this for and I was not trying to circumvent anything.
- **Gallagher:** Ok.
- **Square:** And I I my problem is....you know...this makes not only our special board....but...because we're supposed to be in this together. We're supposed to be a collective body. And this makes our special board, this makes our comprehensive plan, this makes the village look disjointed.
- **Armstrong:** It does not!
- **Gallagher:** Mike! Mike!
- **Square:** Excuse me. I apologize. This is my opinion.
- **Gallagher:** Mike! Mike!
- **Square:** This is my opinion and I have apologized for...you...maybe I miss...miss... maybe I sent the miscommunication, but that was not my intent. And my problem is, that you could have said to me and not send it to the whole Philipstown, to the whole Nelsonville board to people in the public. You could have said to me please do not have this meeting. We can have a discussion about this and I can tell you what our plan is. And also, my other purpose for having this meeting is because we have talked about consolidating the municipal services and shared services, as a matter of fact we're going to a seminar on that tomorrow. And I was on a fact-finding mission. That's it. Nothing more. No planning. No speaking for the village. That is why I sent you that email and I apologized for that.
- **Gallagher:** Ok
- **Serradas:** That's where the transparency comes in.
- **Gallagher:** Excuse me...I thank...I have to say I mean I find your response troubling also. I think the way you're trying to say the problem was my response to what you said and you did...you talked about we need to work together. What you did here...is really...I mean you've been involved with the special board. You know how the special board works. They're gonna decide...make recommendations as a group to us and then we're gonna prove it. I mean...that's like the basic...that's how this whole thing starts. As a member of the special board to then take some things that were brought up...there were lots of things brought up at meetings. Someone recommended putting Main Street under the railroad. Does that mean that the special board can go out and start to try and raise funds for that? No. Can one individual on the special board do something like that? No and Catharine. I'm just going to read...Catharine excuse me...I think... and especially if you're working against what the village is trying to do with the post office. I'll read your letter to me. [Gallagher reads email from Square] Seth, We have a meeting set up on Wednesday, May 26 at 11:00 AM at John Hall's office, 40 Gleneida Ave. County Office Bldg to discuss both the Post

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- **Gallagher:** I don't know. It's certainly not up to the county legislature.
- **Serradas:** Could you just read.
- **Gallagher:** No. I can read it and I can ask questions.
- **Serradas:** But you're reading it and you're throwing and you're comments at it...read it for the public.
- **Gallagher:** Excuse me! Excuse me! Excuse me! I'm trying to read it for the public.
- **Serradas:** I'm trying to excuse you, but you're throwing comments at it. Read it for the public without commentary.
- **Gallagher:** Excuse me! Excuse me! I am reading it for the public. Excuse me! Excuse me!
- **Serradas:** Thank you sunshine.
- **Square:** Come on.
- **Gallagher:** You're out of order! You're out of order! Do not speak!
- **Square:** Come on guys.
- **Gallagher:** You're out of order! Do not speak. I'm speaking! Do not interrupt me!
- **Serradas:** Just read the letter. Read the letter without commentary.
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- **Square:** I guess I should have prev????? it as.. I should have said this is their vision as a county. Blah...blah...blah. I did put it in those issues. But I...I left out that. And Like I said. I was not palnning. I was not pushing anybody's agenda. I was only there to gather...to get...to gather information, fact-finding, what have you. I was by no means trying to circumvent the village board. And maybe I left out a few words and that's my mistake, and that's my fault, but...but...but I'm just still saying...that you...I mean you could have...just...
- **Gallagher:** I don't want to. This just needs to be nipped in the bud and I tried that route with Legislature Tamagna. I said this is the plan...
- **Square:** But, see Seth, you're talking about something I know about.
- **Gallagher:** Know you're not. This is....

- **Square:** Yes you are.
- **Gallagher:** This is...this is...maybe you're like...and maybe you were like sort of...you weren't aware of what was going on with this stuff. But this is something that... it's clear that this is being pushed at a level that is...this is...and you signed it as a member of the comprehensive plan special board. Its like hasn't come back to them and we're sort of lobbying for these things...cause we have a...And I hear from Airinhos that we have a small window of time. It's so small that it couldn't even be presented to the village board.
- **Square:** I can't speak Airinhos. I can only speak for myself. And I...once again...I said I left out some language and that was my mistake. But I am not pushing anybody's agenda. I have no political ambitions. I was only trying to gather information. Gather facts. We. Myself...Marshall and Cathryn Fadde were part of Economic Development and Main Street, where we were supposed to speak to the businesses. [Cough] Speak to the businesses, representatives, government officials, gather data, gather information. That's all I was trying to do.
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- **Gallagher:** That's what this says. This is how it would work.
- **Serradas:** Can I speak.
- **Square:** Well it says...I just said that maybe left out...I should have said this is the county's vision of what they were thinking. And I...
- **Gallagher:** Well the county shouldn't be talking to them without us.
- **Square:** Well...Seth, that's why I sent you that email.
- **Gallagher:** I appreciate that. And I do understand that you were not intending that...but its like the the....
- **Square:** Right..Exactly and I I...I understand. I just...I just didn't want this to get all out of hand...and it frustrated me that it went out to so many people when...
- **Gallagher:** It needs to go out...cause...this this stuff...they got the letters before from Legislator Tamagna...and I didn't...you know they were cc'd...all those people were cc'd about his ideas...he basically said...you know...that it's not going to happen at the Foodtown and it's not best option for the thing anyway...He never spoke to us about. Mike
- **Armstrong, Mike:** Just for the record. I was not copied on that letter and from what I saw of that I nearly fell out of my chair. I was shocked.
- **Square:** What letter are you talking about?
- **Armstrong, Mike:** The letter that you sent...
- **Square:** You mean email.

- **Gallagher:** Email
- **Armstrong:** When I heard about the letter...email I was shocked. I mean I am the Chair of the special board. I should certainly be aware of what you are doing as a member of special board. A. and B. I'm a member of the economic...economic planning group that you're referring to and I was not copied on that and I was not told what you were doing and I find that quite actually embarrassing, quite shocking and quite....and I'm upset about that. I really think you owe me a personal apology.
- **Gallagher:** Mike...ok...I know...I don't wanna get to that thing on this...I just think the...that the special board... And I would you know....I would advise you look into this...because the idea is that we...through this process we get a plan...this is the kind of thing that would come out in plan and you would recommend it to us. It would never go to John Hall. It would go to the village board.
- **Armstrong, Mike:** Absolutely.
- **Gallagher:** And it would come out of the whole process. And you'd...you know...you'd would vet it. And you'd do this thing and you'd look....
- **Square:** Absolutely. And you're correct about that and I understand all that, but I was completely caught off guard because I found it...I just found it unprofessional. That's just my opinion.
- **Gallagher:** What was unprofessional?
- **Square:** Just the way the email read. It was accusatory. I just....
- **Gallagher:** No, its dealing with the facts. I'll read my in response: Catharine, A few weeks ago I told both Vinnie Tamagna and John Hall's office that the current plan for the post office is to keep it at the Food Town Plaza . The Cold Spring ZBA and Planning Board have been working on it with the owner of the Foodtown Plaza for over a year. I have also been working to make that happen and the owner has appeared before the Village
- **Gallagher:** I meant board [back to reading his email] as part of the effort to make this a reality. The Butterfield option is a backup plan but should not be considered as the preferred spot, especially without the support of the Village Board. The same is true of most of the options listed below. I was very surprised when the post office issue was raised by Legislator Tamagna in a letter to John Hall's office, dated April 8th, before getting support from the Village as to where the PO is located. Concerning the meeting you invited me to today, by what authority did you set it up, and who is the we that you speak of in the first sentence
- **Gallagher:** And this gets to my question to Airinhos, who is the we? [Back to reading his email] of your e-mail? Who tasked you and Catherine Fadde, and apparently Airinhos Serradas, to advocate for plans that should come from the Village Board of Trustees (relocating our Post Office, Village Hall, Court, Police etc.?!)? Your position on the Village of Cold Spring Comprehensive Plan Special Board does not give you the authority to speak on behalf of the Village and attempt to enact your personal plan? I am very concerned about how this effort is being developed without the participation of the local governments. I request

that you cancel your meeting tomorrow as you currently do not have the support of the Village, and most likely the Town either.

- **Square:** Right and you...in it that what I'm talking inflammatory, that your own personal.
- **Gallagher:** Right.
- **Square:** But anyway. That was not my own personal.
- **Gallagher:** But you sent a email...this is how it would work
- **Square:** Right. I cancelled that meeting at 12:20. You sent this email out at 1:42.
- **Gallagher:** And so.
- **Square:** Which was my con...I mean you could have very well have spoke to me, but you said you didn't have to. So that's.....
- **Gallagher:** Right. I wanted to get out there. I wanted to get it in writing. I wanted people to know that we...the village board is in charge. That we have mayor here and there's a whole process. People needed to know that.
- **Square:** Right. This was a miscommunication. I didn't...I didn't put in what I should have put in...but I was just...
- **Gallagher:** The meeting should have never been set up and the other thing is that we should have been contacted.
- **Square:** Well if we don't talk to business owners, we don't talk to the residents. Then why....
- **Gallagher:** You can talk to anybody. You're presenting a plan to John Hall.
- **Square:** I was not presenting a plan. I was going there to gather information. Maybe I should have put...been more specific at the top, saying this is not the plan...this is not a plan... this is not...
- **Gallagher:** Right. I guess in fact you were not acting on behalf of cold spring. You were acting on behalf of Vinny Tamagna and the county legislature.
- **Square:** I was not acting...I was acting on behalf of the comprehensive...Mike Please.
- **Armstrong:** [inaudible]
- **Gallagher:** If you're....
- **Armstrong:** I was not even copied on that. I think that your statement that you are acting on behalf of the comprehensive board, you're going to the congress, you're going to Congressman hall and I'm not even copied on it. I'm sorry but...I just can't believe what you're saying.
- **Gallagher:** You can say that this plan is not from the comprehensive board. It's not from the village board.
- **Armstrong, Mike:** It ludicrous!
- **Gallagher:** Who's the plan from?
- **Square:** That is...this is information that was given out in all the public forums. That was the information that was given out in the town halls at Philipstown and that we had at village hall. And maybe I neglected to copy you on that...and once again...I set up...
- **Gallagher:** Catharine....there were ideas in opposition to these things too. You...I'm saying this idea here. This is not what was presented at those meetings. We had discussions of whether or not on these things. There was opposition to moving the town hall. I'm personally opposed to it. I think a lot of

people would be proposed to it. If a...this is suggesting that we move it, consolidate this that and other thing.

- **Square:** I was not suggesting that. I was only...Like I said only trying to gather facts.
- **Gallagher:** I mean...who drafted this?
- **Square:** I... I mean...I drafted it.
- **Gallagher:** Ok that's what I'm saying it's your plan.
- **Serradas:** Can I make a statement?
- **Gallagher:** Sure.
- **Serradas:** Vinny Tamagna has been trying to get meeting this meeting with Congressman hall for over two and half months. This is why there is a time of the essence. The meeting is to establish is there a possibility for funding. If there is great. If there isn't what...
- **Gallagher:** What...
- **Serradas:** No let me speak. Don't interject. Let me finish. Of course you're not. No....
- **Gallagher:** I'm not. Go ahead.
- **Serradas:** You got all these things outlined. If you want to sit down with someone. You want to present them with something they can evaluate. They can look at. Right.
- **Gallagher:** Right. Right.
- **Serradas:** Great. If the word comes back...if this possibility. Possibility makes sense for the village and Philipstown. Why wouldn't it be entertained? Ok. If we have the opportunity to possibly acquire it and save money for everything that we have here. Why wouldn't we entertain it? If the word comes back...you know what, it's not going to work. Hey we tried. If it...if it is.
- **Gallagher:** Ok. I guess...
- **Serradas:** Let me finish. If it is going to work. Then great. We can present it, you know what, here's what's a possibility, just like a Greenway grant. This is a possibility, great. Do we wanna proceed with it? We can back off and say, you know what....
- **Gallagher:** The reason...I guess...I guess....
- **Serradas:** I'm not done! I'm not done! I'm not done! The way this is being set up right now, we don't have the opportunity to find out if this is even a viability. The second that county and Galero here about this. It's torpedoed. You've torpedoed it. Possibility.
- **Armstrong, Mike:** [inaudible]
- **Serradas:** Please Mike. The possibility of this every getting done. Consolidating services. Consolidating the fire company, police department. That's disgusting upstairs. It's not even safe for anybody to go up there. Senior complex. We've got the oldest senior citizens complex in the county. The oldest. Where do these seniors go eat? We have to truck them up to...behind Philipstown Hall. Why, when they can easily walk across the street. That would make more sense. If you could consolidate, why wouldn't we consider consol...if you're trying to save money all the way across...

- **Gallagher:** Right...I don't think anyone...anyone here is against that. We're certainly by favor of the board are in favor of the senior center, in favor of the firehouse. We're in favor of a lot of things....
- **Serradas:** Where you going to put them?
- **Gallagher:** Excuse me! Excuse me!
- **Serradas:** Where you going to put them?
- **Gallagher:** Excuse me! Excuse me. Now it's my turn.
- **Serradas:** Go ahead.
- **Gallagher:** Here's the...you... Legislator Tamagna has been trying to get this meeting set up with Congressman Hall.
- **Serradas:** He has
- **Gallagher:** He hasn't asked the people most directly involved. You haven't approached the village board. You as a trustee when out on your own. I guess were going to speak for the village or you're speaking or maybe you were doing it...I assume you were doing it as a trustee and you were promoting something that this village board has not even had an opportunity to weigh in on. It is not...You do not have the authority to go out and to speak to advocate for these things. If you think that...if you want to bring in some new ideas or something. You bring it to the board so we can talk about it and say yes we wanna get behind it. But you think that Congressman Hall and any of those other guys want to have anything to do with a plan that's not fully supported village board or not even brought up to the board?
- **Serradas:** So you're saying Vinny never talked to you about it?
- **Gallagher:** He did not...I got that letter...and I said that's not the plan.
- **Serradas:** Vinny' never spoke to you about it?
- **Gallagher:** About what? About moving the village hall? Moving the village hall. Never!
- **Serradas:** Consolidating services up there?
- **Gallagher:** Yeah. Everybody talks about generally consolidating services.
- **Serradas:** Seth
- **Gallagher:** Yes.
- **Serradas:** Bondi' here. Everybody spoke.
- **Gallagher:** Right. He has not approached this board. He has not written anything to me on that. He mentioned things. I'm in favor of moving certain services up there. I'm not in favor of moving the town hall. You see thing is you need to get an understanding we're not talking about specific points in this plan. We're talking about one trustee, a county legislator, who's not a resident of the village and a board member of the special board. I don't know if there's anyone else on there. That's it and one other board member from the special board. Never came before this board. I'm personally...I don't wanna have someone advocating...you know for moving the village hall or raising money to do that. You're presenting a complete plan here. And most importantly create a space for the post office. No, most importantly is to get the approvals. That's what this board has decided. Most importantly is to get that. You I guess have decided most importantly
- **Square:** Seth that's my email. That's my email.

- **Gallagher:** that it's something else. Ok. I'm just saying.
- **Square:** That's my email. That's my email I wrote it.
- **Gallagher:** You're a part of this group. I'm just saying. That's why I ask who is the we?
- **Serradas:** No decisions are being...
- **Gallagher:** So you say we. Who is the we?
- **Serradas:** It's in the email. I'm not going to read it.
- **Gallagher:** So it's you four basically? So it's your plan to go and speak to John Hall and lobby?
- **Square:** Not lobby.
- **Serradas:** Don't forget Chairman Tamagna. Ok.
- **Gallagher:** I didn't. I've been mentioning him.
- **Serradas:** Just to make sure. We're not lobby. You keep skewing that. This is a fact-finding mission. If this is a viability, we can come back and say hey guys you know what. This is available. Here's...Why is the timeline? Because by July 1, Vinny needs to know to be put on their agenda which is a month ahead of time.
- **Gallagher:** And he has never come to talk to us about it.
- **Serradas:** He has!
- **Gallagher:** He has never come to talk to this board to talk about this paln. Have you ever heard it?
- **Campbell:** No
- **Gallagher:** Have you ever head it?
- **Falloon.:** Talk about?
- **Gallagher:** This whole plan?
- **Falloon:** This whole thing. If I may...Can I...
- **Gallagher:** Yes
- **Falloon:** If I may...Can I throw my eight cents in. First of all, the village board I don't think we have agreed on any plan. Some of the things that concern me, helping Serocus out. It's not our job to help a businessman expand his business that not everybody is in favor of without hearing from the zoning and the planning. The post office can go wherever the hell they want. We can't tell them we want them to stay. We want them at the Butterfield hospital. If John Hall and the post office wants to go, they're going. I don't see why we're taking a stand. Our stand should be the post office must stay in the village, but we shouldn't be taking as a village board as a stand on where it goes. We can help them get there. You know that plaza up there is a can of worms with his expansion. I'm not saying I would go either way with that but planning and zoning still haven't weighed in on what their decision is going to be and that's...you know...we shouldn't be saying it has to stay there if both planning and zoning don't think it's a good idea. We do have the ability to override their decision, I understand that but...you know... to speak about us staying there...I know we're all working together and I get that but helping serocus out to make more money isn't really a major plan of mine. And...the village as...I mean...we ...you know...like you're fighting for the post office to stay there, and we were all here , we never, the village board as a whole never said yes we should do this. We sat

there and we listened and we listened to Serocus like we were supposed to We listened to serocus, we listened to the planning and we listened to the zoning but we never did come up with a concrete plan...and this is...I mean....

- **Gallagher:** But, we actually did. At that meeting....
- **Falloon:** I didn't agree to a concrete plan of them staying there.
- **Gallagher:** Not a concrete plan, but I'm saying what's been going on is they've been going through the planning board and the zoning board.
- **Falloon:** Sure
- **Gallagher:** He came to us and at the meeting we sat down with the heads of planning board and the chair and tried to work some things out with them to help with the process.
- **Falloon:** Yes. Right. Correct
- **Gallagher:** As opposed to saying actually, we're going to lobby for another place and we're not going through with this while the planning board is going through this whole process, they're going through the process now.
- **Falloon:** I mean...personally I'm in favor of all of this. Because bottomline is whatever works is what we have to do...I don't want...
- **Gallagher:** Right...then it should brought up at a board meeting.
- **Falloon:** Absolutely it should be. This right...this should be the beginning of lets take a stand for or have three plans, whatever they are because we all... we all...we...we...we are all doing our own thing in one way or another and you know we can point fingers and yell all we want but we're all doing and we all think we're doing the right thing. The unfortunate thing is we don't all agree. And and you know...you know...Catharine set up a meeting without the special board, probably not a good idea. You cancelled a meeting you didn't set up. Maybe that's not a good idea. And I think we're all kind of wrong.
- **Gallagher:** I requested canceling of the meeting.
- **Falloon:** And they had told you to stick it. They could have. We could...you know...we could have all went to this meeting if we wanted to and they could have said oh we're going to have the meeting anyway.
- **Gallagher:** Yes but I don't think John Hall is going to entertain it and their...
- **Falloon:** You're lucky he didn't. He could have....
- **Gallagher:** No, I'm not lucky...
- **Falloon:** Sure you are because....
- **Gallagher:** No, because they're speaking on...they're requesting changes that need to come through the village board.
- **Falloon:** Not if they don't want to.
- **Gallagher:** The the...the only thing that we had talked about was the post office and this village board is....the only plan that has come before us is in...we're working hard to make sure that happens and so that it doesn't move elsewhere.
- **Falloon:** Well again you're asking who is we? I ask you who is we? I am not taking a stand on the post office and that expansion because of the neighbor sare not in favor of it and I'm not saying I wouldn't go that way.
- **Gallagher:** You may disagree with certain components to it.
- **Fallon:** I absolutely do.

- **Gallagher:** But the plan was that we were trying to work out the process with...we didn't say no to it. We talked to him about....
- **Falloon:** Correct.
- **Gallagher:** We even talked about using the property across the street as a parking lot and we encouraged him to move ahead it. We encouraged the boards to move ahead with it. They're putting a lot of time into it. Of course he's putting time and money into it. And there's a lot of planning on that end, because the planning board, the zoning board and serocus all are trying to work to have the post office stay there. Personally, I think it would be a real problem if that post office moved out of there. It would be surmountable, but it's definitely gonna cut down I think on the use of that whole area. There's...
- **Falloon:** Which is probably a good idea for the neighbors, because they want to cut down on use there, because...unfortunate...I was able to sit in a couple planning and zoning...with the Benedict and Marion people. They'd love to cut down on anything they could there. You know whether its...you know...whether, either plan I think is good and we have to make....
- **Gallagher:** But they...kind of what we're discussing right now was not discussed in the formation of this plan. And you had no input on this plan, I had no input on this plan the rest of the board had no input on this plan. And...but it directly...we are the ones who have to decide on it. So to be going to ask for funding for this, to be promoting it as a...as a...a fixed plan...as something that works together... is...especially when we have a special board.
- **Campbell:** Bondi met with all... with all the meetings with us, the town and whatever and all of these items were discussed.
- **Falloon:** Absolutely
- **Serradas:** Yeah
- **Campbell:** But he faced everybody and basically said as twenty years as a legislator I've failed and I wanted to come through with a plan to let you guys speak. But what does that mean? He gathers all the information and then brings it back to the village of Nelsonville, brings it back to the town, brings it back to the village and goes about it the proper way. This is not the proper way. **Serradas:** We're short on time.
- **Campbell:** I understand that...
- **Serradas:** Let me finish.
- **Campbell:** But the problem is Airinhos is communications and transparencies to us as a fellow board to say here's what we ...you could have brought this up two weeks ago or a week ago.
- **Serradas:** I didn't know about.
- **Campbell:** Well, whatever...I'm just...
- **Gallagher:** A day ago.
- **Serradas:** You did get it a day ago.
- **Gallagher:** We got it today.
- **Campbell:** I'm just saying. The ideas are good they're all brought up by public people through all the forums.
- **Square:** Right.

- **Campbell:** The idea and the approach the way it's gone about is all wrong. That's all I want to say.
- **Square:** You're right Campbell. You're correct.
- **Falloon:** Well we all agreed on something tonight.
- **Serradas:** There was a two and half month window. If Vinny had...was...in at that meeting months ago. Then...this is still not a done deal...you what...why couldn't we explore the possibility. Then if you know what...hey there's some interest in...
- **Gallagher:** Because you didn't talk to us to see whether we're in favor of it. But that's why.
- **Serradas:** Then we can come back and say...you know what this is what's possible. Do you guys want to consider it? No. Great. It's done.
- **Square:** Now it's out. [laugh] I'm sorry. [laugh]
- **Gallagher:** Yes, of course it's out there.
- **Falloon:** It's been out there.
- **Robertson, Gordon:** It's unfortunate I think in the way this came about but I don't think there was anything malicious in what I'm hearing about it and it just seems like a communication thing more than anything else and you're absolutely correct there are procedures and boards for clarity and you have to...and things have to be done procedurally. I don't that's...I don't think anybody on this board really necessarily has any one agenda. As long as things are done properly and it comes down to a proper vote and everybody looks at it. If you were investigating it and you were investigating basically out of one of the committees...I think maybe your verbiage in there in spelling out these items maybe it could have been a little bit more reserved to be able to make it seem like these are suggestions and not a plan but its...like a trustee or a mayor or anybody else commenting on something that's outside of their scope and then signing their name to it, saying this totally beyond the pervice. It can't act on behalf of the entire board. This doesn't make sense.
- **Square:** Right.
- **Robertson, Gordon:** It's a miscommunication. I don't see any...I see what Mr. Serradas is making. Your point is absolutely valid Seth and Campbell you made the point. It had to come...you can't have secret meetings. Transparency is what it's always been about. We've had our issues as well on the same thing, but at least I think everybody believes in transparency and that it has to be some type of procedure. It would be unfortunate though if this board couldn't use something like this. At least a type of a stepping stone. I've got one word of caution, for which I didn't hear anybody discuss. You need to be very careful, if you've got a village and you turn around and you're trying to take the man's personal business away from him. You're inviting litigation. If Mr. Serroukas could catch the point that he figures out that something is going on behind his back. There's potential litigation, that's why I'm sure this wasn't done as a board and wasn't done as a comprehensive, these were just potential individuals just investigating these things.
- **Gallagher:** I'm sure you're right. That's why in the next meeting we should take a look at these things.

- **Falloon:** Absolutely.
- **Gallagher:** Let's take a look at these things. There's a list of things. And I think...but I think that's what the special board is doing. They are looking at these things and there's not going to be a quick...you know turnaround on a lot of these items. Some of these items already pretty much ...you know...on...on the floor and we've said that there would be a great use of the site over there. Senior citizens center...you know we've mentioned general support of that for the site and the firehouse and things like that.
- **Armstrong, Mike:** And just to add. For the special board to be effective we have to have the trust of the community. And this is what I think most distresses me is this directly strikes at the trust that the community has in us to talk to us and for us to work with the community on ideas, so there's a lot of trust in floating unusual ideas, different ideas, but when we verge into advocacy, we verge into saying that the village recommends this and the village urges you to do this. Then we cross the line and we are potentially are violating the trust of the community. Our role is to recommend. Our role is to define to discern the will of the people and to put it together in a logical fashion for the trustees. And when we overstep the bounds we're striking at the trust of that this community has in the work of this board and it distresses me after three and half years of very hard work that a lot of people really pushing hard to do this. To do that when we're within months of bringing this to conclusion. And this is very very distressing for that reason. That's all I have to say.
- **Robertson, Gordon:** Mike I'm sure that Mike that you don't find the intent to be malicious. I mean it was only goodwill on what you say going on there. Procedurally, yeah it could be an issue. It could be damaging.
- **Armstrong, Mike:** I'm not...I'm not being critical of the intent. I'm critical of the action itself. I'm not critical of the person. I'm critical of the action itself and I'm saying that the action strikes at the trust that this community has in the comprehensive plan and the special board's work...
- **Gallagher:** Ok...Mike... I think...we mean...stuffs been said. We've like to move forward. We've got some stuff on the table. Some of it we can discuss. Some of it can be discussed with the special board. Ultimately come back here as well.
- **Serradas:** Can I just make one final comment.
- **Gallagher:** Sure.
- **Serradas:** Fact finding, number one. Not lobbying, strictly investigating and obtaining an indication of interest. Simple. There's nothing, there's no agenda there. If it's something that's viable and it helps the community. Then great. If it doesn't help the community, then so be it. That window of opportunity is not my window of opportunity, that's what has been presented by the county. That's what presented by Congressman hall. If we miss that opportunity.
- **Gallagher:** I've heard that. And if we.....
- **Serradas:** Why can't I finish?
- **Gallagher:** We've already heard and we want to sort of sum it up for the night. I think the lesson was supposed to be...didn't go about it the right way. You cannot come up with that plan on your own. In the future bring it up with the

board try and bring us...on board and then that's when you go to Congressman John Hall.

- **Serradas:** Okay for the record you say you've never been contacted by Vinny Tamagna on this?
- **Gallagher:** On what?
- **Serradas:** On any of this?
- **Gallagher:** I contacted him on the post office and said we wanted to keep it there. I've talked to him about uses for the site up there and I'm in favor of many of these uses. The senior center. I talked to him and Mr. Bondi about that on doing that thing. I've never talked to him about moving the village hall up there. I'm not in favor of moving the village hall.
- **Serradas:** We don't have to...it's just an option...
- **Gallagher:** That's why...I said that!
- **Falloon:** How did we get back here?
- **Gallagher:** Yeah, let's move on. Let's move on. Motion to adjourn.
- **Robertson, Gordon:** Hey, I miss you guys.
- **Falloon:** We miss you.
- **Gallagher:** Are we adjourned. Unanimous.
- **Falloon:** Motion we adjourn.

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